

Surf Lifesaving NSW

Nominee's name: Christopher Chalmers

Current Role: Lifeguard, Tweed LGA



Christopher Chalmers is an outstanding lifeguard with Surf Life Saving NSW, serving the Tweed LGA for the past two years. A paid member of the Australian Lifeguard Service, Chris brings a calm, confident presence to the beach, backed by extensive qualifications including the Bronze Medallion, Gold Medallion, ART, SMBM, and RWC Operator certifications. His commitment to public safety, emergency response, and beach education is unwavering.

Chris goes beyond his daily duties, mentoring new lifeguards, promoting a preventative safety culture, and improving team communication. His approachable nature and innovative communication techniques—especially at tourist-heavy beaches like Duranbah—have strengthened public safety awareness.

Chris's contributions extend beyond the sand. He has played a pivotal role in refining local SOPs and improving emergency response coordination, resulting in quicker reaction times and safer outcomes. Despite recovering from knee surgery, his dedication has never faltered.

In addition to his operational excellence, Chris actively fosters team morale and community trust. His actions exemplify Rotary's principle of "Service Above Self," earning the respect of both colleagues and the community. Chris's leadership, resilience, and commitment make him a deserving finalist in this year's Awards.